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TITLE:            PROCESSING TRANSACTIONS USING A  
                    STRUCTURED NATURAL LANGUAGE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please amend the specification of the patent application identified above by replacing the text of numbered paragraphs [0001] and [0002] as indicated in this Preliminary Amendment.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are due upon entry of this paper. However and in the event that any such fees are due and have not been concurrently filed with this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account Number 06-1448, Reference: EHP-003.03.